

HO-1058
Guilford Colored School
9911 Guilford Road
Private

Description:

The Guilford Colored School faces west toward the road. The school is a one-story, six-bay by two-bay "T"-plan frame structure, with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with a north-south ridge. The "T" is on the west and has a gable with an east-west ridge, with a brick chimney at the intersection of the "T." There is an addition on the north end that is one story and three bays by two bays, with a CMU foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. All of the windows have new one-over-one sash. The first-story walls are unusually tall. The west elevation is divided into three parts, with the center two bays being the projecting "T." This has two paired windows. The northern third of the building has a window in the north bay and a modern door in the bay to the south of it. The southern third of the building has no opening to the north and a window in the south bay.

Significance:

The Guilford Colored School is not listed on the Fisk University database of Rosenwald Schools in Howard County, however, the exterior form of the building closely conforms to the "Two Teacher Community School to face East or West only" plan that the Rosenwald school project published (Floor Plan No. 20) in 1924. These plans were adopted by school boards even when funding was not available from the Rosenwald Foundation, and this is probably an instance of that borrowing. The building has reportedly been converted to apartments, so the interior likely retains little evidence of its original configuration, and the windows have been changed, so their original configuration and its proximity to the Rosenwald plan cannot be determined. The school was probably built in the 1930s, and since Rosenwald funding basically ended with the death of Julius Rosenwald in 1932, this could explain why the school has the form, but not the pedigree, of the Rosenwald project. Guilford was historically one of the residential and community centers for blacks in Howard County, and the presence of this school here is indicative of that. Despite the changes, the building retains importance for the history of African-Americans in Howard County.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1058

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Guilford Colored School

other

2. Location

street and number 9911 Guilford Road not for publication

city, town Guilford ☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Carlos Eugene Barksdale

street and number 9911 Guilford Road telephone

city, town Jessup state MD zip code 20794

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 12148 folio 199

city, town Ellicott City tax map 42 tax parcel 289 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1 0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	0 0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Guilford Colored School is located at 9911 Guilford Road, on the southeast corner of the intersection with Mission Road, midway between Savage and Guilford, in southeastern Howard County, Maryland. The building is set on a generally flat site and faces west toward the road. The school is a one-story, six-bay by two-bay "T"-plan frame structure, with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with a north-south ridge. The "T" is on the west and has a gable with an east-west ridge, with a brick chimney at the intersection of the "T." There is an addition on the north end that is one story and three bays by two bays, with a CMU foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. All of the windows have new one-over-one sash. The first-story walls are unusually tall. The cornice follows the pitch of the rafters.

The west elevation is divided into three parts, with the center two bays being the projecting "T." This has two paired windows. The northern third of the building has a window in the north bay and a modern door in the bay to the south of it. The southern third of the building has no opening to the north and a window in the south bay. The west elevation of the addition has a door in the south bay, paired windows in the center, and a single window in the north bay.

The south elevation has two windows in the first story, with another straddling the eave line, and a vent in the gable end. The north elevation of the addition has a basement door in the west bay. The first story has two windows, and there is a vent in the gable end. The east elevation of the main block has six typical windows and the addition has three.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1930s

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.832 A
Acreage of historical setting 1.832 A
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 42, parcel 289, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

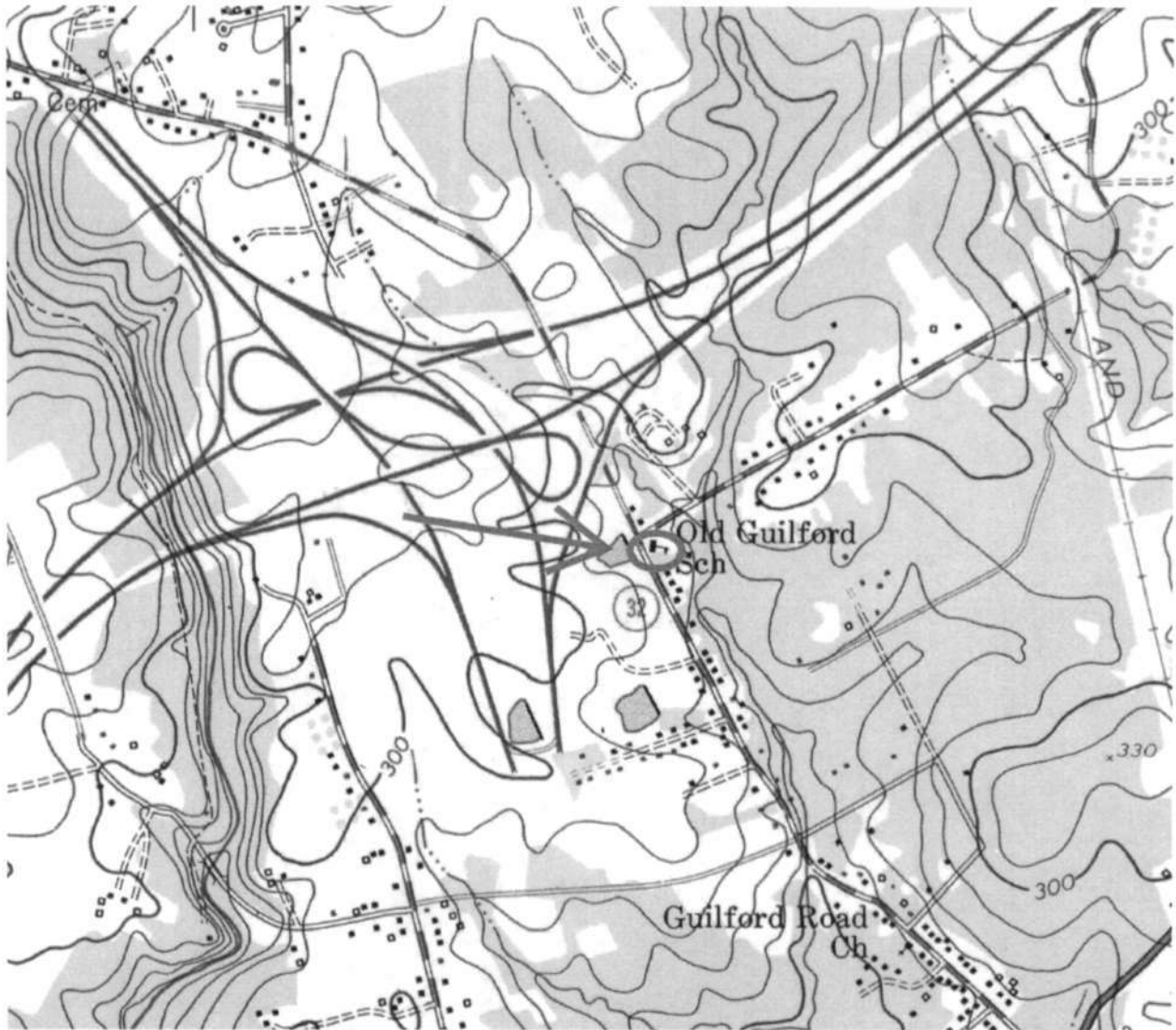
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	November 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Savage quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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North & west elevations

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West & south elevations



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